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#### DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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### Inspection Report Minerals Regulatory Program April 7, 2010

Reviewed:

Mine Name: Wolf Creek Mine	Permit Number: S/013/0016 Inspection Date: 01/07/2010 Time: 2:00 pm		
Operator Name: Leon & Sons Excavating LLC			
Inspector(s): Brett Gregory for Leslie Heppler			
Other Participants: None	Mine Status: Proposed		

	Elements of Inspection	Evaluated	Comment	Enforcemen
1.	Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds			
2.	Public Safety (shafts, adits, trash, signs, highwalls)	$\overline{\boxtimes}$		
3.	Protection of Drainages / Erosion Control			
4.	Deleterious Material			
5.	Roads (maintenance, surfacing, dust control, safety)			
6.	Concurrent Reclamation			
7.	Backfilling/Grading (trenches, pits, roads,			
	highwalls, shafts, drill holes)			
8.	Water Impoundments			
9.	Soils			
10.	Revegetation			
11.	Air Quality			
12.	Other		$\boxtimes$	

Permit fee: Paid on February 08, 2010.

## **Purpose of Inspection:**

**Bond Amount: \$7,600** 

The Division received an anonymous call asking for more information on a mining operation located in Duchesne Co. Utah.

### **Inspection Summary:**

I performed a brief search in the Public Information Center, or (PIC), and found no record of the existence of the mine. The anonymous caller was able to provide detailed directions to the location of the site. My inspection comments of the mining disturbance are as follows:

- 1) The mining operation was found unpermitted at the time of my inspection. I left compliance notices at the site to have the operator contact the Division as soon as possible.
- 2) Small pieces of wire and/or cord were found on the site that suggests active drill and blasting. I would recommend the operator verify compliance to safety rules and regulations for all agencies involved whenever using explosives in a mining operation.
- 12) This report contains a GPS map of the disturbed area.

(Photographs attached)

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### **Conclusions and Recommendations:**

Since the time of my inspection (01/07/2010) the Division has now received a notice of intention (NOI), a bond, and a reclamation contract for a one-acre disturbance. The Division will continue annual inspections and monitor the site when in the area. It is recommended the operator make every effort to salvage topsoil or growth medium on the site for future reclamation. Constant reclamation vigilance will be necessary in order to maintain the small one-acre permit in compliance.

Inspector's Signature

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cc: Leon Casper, Operator Enclosure – GPS map

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